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ABSTRACT

This annotated bibliography about Kwanzaa, an end-of-the-year holiday that emphasizes an appreciation for the culture of African Americans, aims to provide ready access to information for classroom teachers. Noting that Kwanzaa (celebrated from December 26 to January 1) is an important cultural event, the bibliography states that the festival should be introduced and investigated in a classroom setting. The sources listed in the bibliography have been reviewed for content and educational merit. The bibliography includes 20 books, 10 sections from books, 10 periodicals, 10 World Wide Web sites, 5 ERIC documents, and 5 audiovisuals. The sources may be used as a whole or as supplements to existing units. (BT)

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Introduction

Kwanzaa is a holiday that emphasizes an appreciation for the culture of African Americans. The name is from a Swahili phrase, "matunda ya Kwanza," which means "first fruits" or first products of the harvest. The cultural celebration, started by a history professor, Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga in 1966, begins on December 26 and ends January 1. Kwanzaa is not meant to replace Christmas or any December holiday. Instead, Kwanzaa focuses on seven principles of living or the "Nguzo Saba."

- Umoja ..... *Unity*
- Kujichagulia ..... *Self Determination*
- Ujima ..... *Collective Work & Responsibility*
- Ujamaa ..... *Cooperative Economics*
- Nia ..... *Purpose*
- Kuumba ..... *Creativity*
- Imani ..... *Faith*

The purpose of the *Kwanzaa Annotated Bibliography* is to provide ready access of information to classroom teachers. Kwanzaa is an important cultural event to millions of Americans and should be introduced and investigated in a classroom setting. The sources provided here have been reviewed for content and educational merit. The sources may be used as a whole or supplements to existing units. The listings include 20 books, 10 sections from books, 10 periodicals, 10 World Wide Web sites, 5 ERIC Documents, and 5 audiovisuals. The source may be used as a whole or as supplements to existing units.

Diversity is an important part of all our lives. Encompassing lessons on various cultures and traditions will not only enrich the classroom but also the lives of each student. Then, as the students share their new discoveries, the communities in which they live will also be enriched.

Books

Anderson / Sankofa, David A. Kwanzaa: An Everyday Resource and Instructional Guide. New York: Gumbs & Thomas, 1992, 64 pp. [ISBN: 0936073152].

Includes activities and lesson plans. Provides detailed "descriptions, objectives, preparation and strategies." Contains bibliography, index, and pronunciation.

Chocolate, Debora M. Newton. My First Kwanzaa Book. New York: Scholastic, 1992, 25 pp. [ISBN: 0590459279].

Provides the story of a boy who learns about his heritage. Contains the "Nguzo Saba" and "symbols and words used during Kwanzaa."

Cockfield, Carolyn. My Kwanzaa Book. Beltsville, MD: Sea Island Information Group, 1990, 44 pp. [ISBN: 1877610062].

Contains many hands-on activities for each of the seven principles. Includes "supplemental activity sheet(s)", recipes and quiz. Provides pronunciation.

Copage, Eric V. Kwanzaa: An African-American Celebration of Culture and Cooking. New York: Morrow, 1991, 356 pp. [ISBN: 068810939X].

Contains more than 125 recipes. Provides essays on the principles and rituals. Includes bibliography and glossary.

Copage, Eric V. A Kwanzaa Fable. New York: William Morrow, 1995, 95 pp. [ISBN: 068813968X].

Provides the story of a thirteen-year old and his eight-year old sibling. Encourages readers to use the lessons of Kwanzaa everyday.

Gayle, Sharon Shavens. Kwanzaa: An African American Holiday. Illustrations by Kate Flannagan. Mahwah, NJ: Watermill Press, 1994, 32 pp. [ISBN: 0816731551].

Contains puzzles, activities, recipes, and more. Provides an introduction and "Kwanzaa words to know" with pronunciation.

Gayle, Sharon Shavers. A Kwanzaa Miracle. Illustrated by Frank Norfleet. Mahwah, NJ: Troll Communications, 1996, 32 pp. [ISBN: 0816741824].

Presents the story of two children, Darryl and Ashley, as they prepare for a Kwanzaa celebration. Includes a special surprise for "mean" Mrs. Jackson.

Hudson, Cheryl Willis. Kwanzaa: Sticker Activity Books. Illustrated by Sylvia Walker. New York: Scholastic, 1994, 32 pp. [ISBN: 0590484214].

Presents the history and principles using stickers. Contains other activity sheets, puzzles and more.

Karenga, Maulana. The African American Holiday of Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture. Los Angeles: University of Sankore Press, 1988, 116 pp. [ISBN: 0943412099].

Written by the founder of Kwanzaa. Includes "The Origins of Kwanzaa," "The Values of Kwanzaa," "The Symbols of Kwanzaa," and "The Activities of Kwanzaa." Contains a section entitled "The Participation of Children." Provides bibliography and "Swahili Terminology."

Kwanzaa. Pine Lake, GA: Kayla, 1993. 24 pp. [ISBN: 1882962001].

Contains numerous puzzles, games, and other activities. Includes a math quiz.

McClester, Cedric. Kwanzaa: Everything You Always Wanted to Know But Didn't Know Where to Ask. New York: Gumbs & Thomas, 1997, 36 pp. [ISBN: 0936073241].

Contains the origins, principles, and practice. Includes recipes, hairstyles, fashions, and gifts. Provides bibliography.

Madhubuti, Haki R. Kwanzaa: An African-American Holiday That Is Progressive & Uplifting. Chicago: Third World Press, 1987, 16pp. [ISBN: 0916418634].

Provides the educational, economical and political aspects of Kwanzaa. Includes the history, symbols, and pronunciation guide.

Madhubuti, Safisha. The Story of Kwanzaa. Illustrations by Murry N. DePillars. Chicago: Third World Press, 1989, 32 pp. [ISBN: 0883780011].

Uses the story of a family to teach the history and principles. Contains a teacher's guide.

Medearis, Angela Shelf. The Seven Days of Kwanzaa. New York: Scholastic, 1994, 111 pp. [ISBN: 0590463600].

Provides history, preparation of the feast, and more. Contains "Seven Celebration Stories" (Sheyann Webb, Wilma Rudoplh, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Benjamin "Pap" Singleton, Marcus Mosiah Garvey, James Van DerZee, and Fannie Lou Hamer). Includes glossary with pronunciation.

Paley, Vivian Gussin. Kwanzaa and Me: A Teacher's Story. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1995, 140 pp. [ISBN: 0674505859].

Uses stories of a slave named Kwanzaa to explore the cultural heritage. Encourages children, parents, and teachers to work together to eliminate racism.

Pinkey, Andrea Davis. Seven Candles for Kwanzaa. Pictures by Brian Pinkney. New York: Dial, 1993, 32 pp. [ISBN: 0803712928].

Provides the history, symbols, and principles. "Follows the sequence of Kwanzaa week and shows how its values may be expressed." Contains bibliography and pronunciation.

Porter, A. P. Kwanzaa. Pictures by Janice Lee Porter. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 1991, 56 pp. [ISBN: 0876145454].

Discusses the history so that children will understand their cultural origins. Contains Glossary.

Riley, Dorothy Winbush. The Complete Kwanzaa: Celebrating Our Cultural Harvest. New York: Harper Collins, 1995, 387 pp. [ISBN: 006092764X].

Includes an introduction and defines numerous essays by or about outstanding people such as Oprah Winfrey, Paul Robeson, Michael Jordan, and Booker T. Washington. Contains glossary, bibliography, and index.

Ross, Kathy. Crafts for Kwanzaa. Illustrated by Sharon Lane Holm. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press, 1994, 47 pp. [ISBN: 1562944126].

Includes instructions for paper mats, gift tags, cards, pins, hats, and more. Provides an introduction.

Thompson, Helen Davis. Let's Celebrate Kwanzaa: An Activity Book for Young Readers. Illustrated by Chris Acemandese Hall. New York: Gumbs & Thomas, 28 pp. [ISBN: 0936073071].

Contains activities for the classroom and home. Includes songs, crafts, recipes, and puzzles. Provides bibliography and pronunciation.

Sections from Books

Anyike, James C. African American Holidays. "Kwanzaa" pp. 71-79. Chicago: Popular Truth, 1991, [ISBN: 0963154702].

Braham, Clare Bonfanti & Maria Monfanti Esche. Kids Celebrate. "December 26-January 1 Kwanzaa" pp. 286-289. Chicago: Chicago Review Press, 1998, [ISBN: 1556522924].

Holiday Cheer: Macmillian Seasonal Activity Packs. "Kwanzaa Celebration" pp. 19-20. New York: Macmillan Education Company, 1988.

Kids Explore America's African-American Heritage. "Fun, Food, & Celebrations" pp. 65-66. Santa Fe, NM: John Muir Publications, 1993, [ISBN: 1562610902].

Jasmine, Julia. Multicultural Holidays: Share Our Celebrations. "Kwanzaa, the African-American Celebration of Ancestry" pp. 112-115. Huntington Beach, CA: Teacher Created Materials, 1994, [ISBN: 1557346151].

Jensen, Ceil. Internet Lesson Plans. "Mapping a Holiday Greeting" pp. 6-7. St. Clair Shores, MI: Brighter Paths, 1996.

Mabunda, L. Mpho, ed. The African American Almanac. "Kwanzaa" pp. 636, 747, and 1041. Detroit: Gale, 1997, [ISBN: 0810378671].

Mailbox Superbooks Grades 1 p. 293; 2 p. 292; 3 p.293; & 4 p. 290 "Holiday Sections." Valdosta, GA: Mailbox Children's Books, 1998.

Metcalf, Doris Hunter. Portraits of African American Achievers. "African American Holidays" p. 132. Parsippany, N.J.: Good Apple, a Division of Simon & Schuster Supplemental Education Group, 1995, [ISBN: 0866538151].

Salley, Columbus. The Black 100: A Ranking of the Most Influential African-Americans, Past and Present. "Ron Karenga" pp. 328-330. New York: Carol Publications Group, 1992, [ISBN: 0806512997].

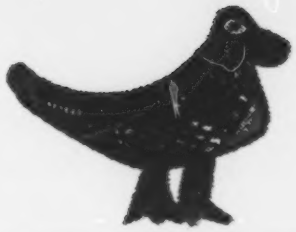
Singleton, Laurel R., James, R. Giese, & Lynn S. Parisi. Teaching U.S. History in the Elementary School: An Interdisciplinary Approach. "Kwanzaa: A Cultural Celebration." pp. 151-158. Boulder, CO: Social Science Education Consortium, Inc. 1993, [ISBN: 0899943659].

Snodgrass, Mary E. ed., Black History Month Resource Book. "Kwanzaa Flash Cards" pp. 209-214. Detroit: Gale Publications, 1993, [ISBN: 0810391511].

Taifa, Nkechi. Shining Legacy: A Treasury of "Storypoems and Tales for the Young So Black Heroes Forever Will Be Sung" pp. 41-47. Washington, DC: House of Songhay II, 1985, [ISBN: 0933807007].

Vangsgard, Amy. Simply Super Bulletin Boards. "Kwanzaa". pp. 47-50. Fort Atkinson, WI: Alleyside Press, an imprint of Highsmith Press LLC , 1997.

Warren, Jean & Elizabeth McKinnon. Small World Celebrations. "Kwanzaa" pp. 139-144. Everett, WA: Warren Publishing House, 1988, [ISBN: 0911019197]



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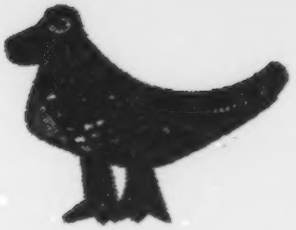


Anderson / Sankofa, David A. "Kwanzaa: A Resource for Resourceful Educators." Multicultural Review (v 2, n 4, pp. 36-38, December 1993).

Presents the origins, principles and symbols. Contains several resources for teachers and librarians. Includes pronunciation.

Carter, Amita. "The History of Kwanzaa." Ebony Jr! (v 10, n 6, pp. 10-11, December 1982).

Encompasses history, symbols, principles, and rituals. Provides photograph of founder, Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga. Includes pronunciation.

Collier, Aldore. "Maulana Karenga: The Man Who Invented Kwanzaa." Ebony (v 53, n 3, pp. 116,118, & 120, January 1998).

Discusses the reasons Dr. Karenga started the holiday over 30 years ago. Includes photographs and a chart of the seven principles.

Ferguson, Phyllis M. and Terrel A. Young. "Kwanzaa: A Holiday of Principles." Reading Horizons (v 35, n 5, pp 442-56, 1995).

Provides a three-week Kwanzaa study for the classroom. Contains references and recommended books for children, teachers, and parents. Includes pronunciation.

Hunt, Marge. "Let There Be Light! Lighting Up the Holidays for Young Children." Young Children (v 51, n 1, pp. 79-81, November 1995).

Includes science and craft projects for the study of light. Suggests books for children and teachers.

Inkel, Maxine. "Celebrating African-American Traditions: Justice and Peace Education." Momentum (v 24, n 4, pp. 71-72, November - December 1993).

Includes activities for students, parents, and the community. Provides history and principles.

Jennings, Paul. "Kwanzaa: Bringing an African-American Holiday to Your Music Classroom." Music K-8 (v 5, n 2, pp. 35, 40, 42, & 49-51, November - December 1994).

Provides history symbols, principles, and "More Teaching Suggestions for the Music." Includes pronunciation.

Lindquist, Tarry L. "Activities for Appreciating Diversity." Social Studies and the Young Learner (v 1, n 4, pp. 1-4, March - April 1989).

Provides information and activities on diversity. Includes history, principles, and feast.

Thompson, Barbara R. "A Handbook for Kwanza." Ebony Jr! (v 6, n 6, pp. 35-37, December 1978).

Presents history and principles. Provides instructions for crafts and activities. Includes pronunciation.

Winters, Kay and others. "Celebrating the Season." Learning (v 21, n 4, pp. 30-33, November - December 1992).

Includes activities for several November and December celebrations. Provides instruction for the "Kitchen Calabash" and "Personal Wrapping Paper."

World Wide Web Sites

Web Sites for the Classroom Setting

Education World: Where Educators Go To Learn

<http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson039.shtml>

This site contains ideas for incorporating Kwanzaa into the elementary classroom in an interdisciplinary manner. It also includes a listing of related sites and resources.

Kwanzaa

<http://members.aol.com/Donnpages/Holidays.html>

This is a site of listings to other pages containing lesson plans, unit plans, and teacher materials. This site is a must visit for any teacher interested in holiday plans.

Kwanzaa

<http://www.memphis-schools.K12.tn.us/admin/tlapages/kwanzaa.htm>

This site is made up of links to other pages, each containing different aspects of celebrating Kwanzaa. It is appropriate for both teachers and students.

Kwanzaa

<http://www.vbe.com/~gns/Kwanzaa.htm>

This site is strictly for teachers only. It gives ideas for decorations, songs, and group time activities. It would be a great asset to a unit or lesson plan.

Kwanzaa Math: The Mkeka

<http://www.whyy.org/smc/allen/ZwanWeb/Kwanzaa.math.426.html>

This is a math lesson which relates to craft concepts. It also includes the NCTM Standards and appropriate links.

Kwanzaa Mini-Unit

<http://www.teacherlink.usu.edu/resources/ed_lesson_plans/Byrnes/kwanzaa.html>

This site contains a 4 day unit plan appropriate for 2nd & 3rd grade. It gives complete instructions, recipes, art instructions, and links to other references.

Kwanzaa Mini-Unit Draft

<http://www.teacherlink.usu.edu/resources/ed_lesson_plans/Byrnes/kwanzaa2.html

This site is a continuance of the previous listing. It is a more descriptive analysis of the objectives and resources provided. As mentioned above, this site also gives links to other references.

The Perpetual Preschool Site:

<http://www.perpetualpreschool.com/kwanzaa.html>

This site contains a dated guide of activities that are appropriate for early childhood education uses. It offers recipes, crafts, and songs for use in the classroom.

Kwanzaa Word Search Puzzle

<http://www.benjerry.com/yule/kwanzaa-ws-easy.html>

This is a fun web site sponsored by the Ben & Jerry ice cream people. It has easy and difficult puzzles which would be a great activity to include in a Kwanzaa lesson.

Billy Bear 4 Kids

<http://www.billybear4kids.com/holidays/kwanzaa/kwanzaa.htm>

This site would be appropriate for students in the technology portion of a lesson. It gives detailed instructions for crafts, creating calendars and stationary, and kids links to related sites.

ERIC Documents

ED234965 What's Happening in September?

This article would make an excellent teaching resource. It describes and defines the basic principles and symbols of Kwanzaa.

ED266067 The Fundamentals of an African American Value System

This is a detailed teaching resource. It not only defines the importance of Kwanzaa, it does so with an influence on values and diversity.

ED303930 Decemberfest: An Able Teaching Unit

This has a short section on Kwanzaa. It incorporates new vocabulary, traditional symbols and principles with a classroom activity.

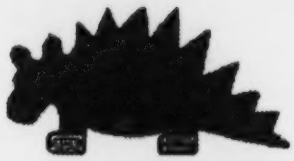
ED316607 Kwanzaa

This is an exceptional collection of ideas and projects for implementation in the elementary and secondary classrooms. It contains complete plans, reproducible worksheets and pronunciation.

ED379200 Exploring Global Art

This collection is divided among different global art forms. It has a section on Kwanzaa and African art which would be an asset to a unit or lesson.

Audiovisuals



The African American Holiday of Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family Community & Culture. Los Angeles: University of Sankora Press, 1995, [Videocassette–30 minutes].

Includes an interview with the founder, Dr. Maulane Karengo. Features the symbols, feast, and more.

Holidays for Children Video. Bala Oynwyd, PA: Schlessinger Video Productions, 1994, [Videocassette – 30 minutes].

Includes Kwanzaa as #9 in the series. Features the history, symbols, and rituals.

Kwanzaa: An African American Celebration. Amherst, NY: Adonis Productions, 1996, [Videocassette – 80 minutes].

Features the history, principles, and traditions. Includes fables.

Kwanzaa Folktales. Los Angeles: Time Warner Audiobooks, 1994, [Sound cassette – 90 minutes].

Presents the seven principles through folktales. The readers include Jonelle Allen, Angela Bassett, Roscoe Lee Browne, Chuck D., David Alan Grier, Daphne Maxwell Ried, and Raven-Symone.

Lighting the Way. Encinitas, CA: Desert Bay Productions, 1997. [Videocassette - 26 minutes].

Features young people. Provides celebrations of Kwanzaa and other December holidays.